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FOR: BIC/OIM, MILES/KLINGELHUT - PASS BEVANS,
NEW YORK SHIPPING OFFICE

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SUBJ: U.S. EXHIBITION, LAGOS TRADE FAIR AIRFREIGHT

1. MOST IMPORTANT THAT NEW YORK SHIPPING OFFICE IMPLEMENT
(AS FEASIBLE) FOLLOWING REQUESTS CONCERNING AIR SHIPMENTS
FOR U.S. EXHIBITION, LAGOS.

A. SINCE AIRFREIGHT SHIPMENT OFTEN LOST IN CUSTOMS WARE-
HOUSE AT LAGOS AIRPORT, PAN AM, WACASC (SHIPPING ARM OF
EMBASSY), MAJOR PRIVATE FREIGHT FORWARDER LAGOS AND
VIGNEAULT STRONGLY RECOMMEND NYSO CONSOLIDATE AIRFREIGHT
SHIPMENTS FOR CHARTER FLIGHT DIRECT TO LAGOS. CHARTER
FLIGHT COULD ARRIVE LAGOS MIDDLE NOVEMBER AND BE PRE-
CLEARED (PROVIDING VIGNEAULT HAS INVOICES IN ADVANCE) AND
CARGO TRANSFERRED DIRECT TO TRUCKS FOR JOURNEY TO FAIR
SITE. THIS METHOD ONLY WAY IN WHICH REASONABLE ASSURANCE
CAN BE GIVEN AGAINST LOSS, THEFT, HIGH STORAGE CHARGES,
AND BUREAUCRATIC RED TAPE CAUSING DELAYS.

B. IF CHARTER FLIGHT ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE, NYSO MUST
BOOK CONFIRMED REPEAT CONFIRMED SPACE ON PAN AM PASSENGER
FLIGHTS TO LAGOS BEING CAREFUL NOT REPEAT NOT TO SPLIT
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EXHIBITION SHIPMENTS. ALL CARGO VIA THIS ALTERNATIVE MUST
ARRIVE LAGOS NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 10 WHICH WILL PROBABLY
MEAN SHIPMENTS WILL HAVE TO START GOING FORWARD IN OCTOBER
IN ORDER TO CONFIRM ENOUGH SPACE.

C. UNDER NO REPEAT NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD AIRFREIGHT BE
PUT ABOARD PAN AM FREIGHTER TO ROBERTS FIELD IN MONROVIA

FOR EVENTUAL TRANSSHIPMENT TO LAGOS. IN THIS REGARD, EXHIBITORS NOT AIRFREIGHTING THROUGH NYSO SHOULD BE ADVISED (WELL IN ADVANCE) TO ENSURE THEIR CARGO GOES DIRECT LAGOS AND NOT TRANSSHIPPED FROM ANY POINT IN AFRICA. ALSO DEADLINE OF NOVEMBER 10 ARRIVAL LAGOS APPLIES UNLESS BY CHARTER.

D. STANDARD NYSO ADVISEMENT CABLE MUST BE SENT EMBASSY ASAP AND DETAILED INVOICE/PACKING LIST MUST BE IN VIGEAULT'S HANDS BEFORE ARRIVAL OF SHIPMENT. WACASC AND USEM/DUSEM WILL ATTEMPT MEET PLANES AND CLEAR SHIPMENTS BEFORE THEY BECOME HOPELESSLY LOST IN CUSTOMS AREA.

E. NYSO SHOULD ENSURE THAT ENVELOPES CONTAINING AIRWAYS BILLS AND INVOICES BOUND FOR EMBASSY HAVE STAMPED THE WORDS RUSH AND/OR SPECIAL DELIVERY. ALSO ONE COPY SHOULD BE SENT INTERNATIONAL MAIL TO VIGNEAULT, AMERICAN EMBASSY, P.O. BOX 554, LAGOS, NIGERIA, WITH REMAINING DOCUMENTATION VIA AMERICAN EMBASSY LAGOS, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20520.

2. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST METHOD NYSO WILL USE TO AIR-FREIGHT EXHIBIT CARGO SO USEM AND EMBASSY CAN PLAN ACCORDINGLY.
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